John Morris sworn
By the Chairman: Q. Just state your relation to the city government? A. I am chief
lerk of the auditor's office.
By Representative Wilson: Q. You are chief
lark in the auditor's office? A. Yes, sir.
Q. Is that the manner in which the wouchers
we made out by the engineers? A. This is the
orm; not always made out just as this is.
Q. Does it come from the engineers without
my amounts carried out? A. That has been
the custom.

Q. Who carries out the amounts? A. It is the duty of the auditor.
Q. What check is there upon the auditor then? A. The engineers retain a copy of all measurements that are forwarded to the auditor, and with an audited copy; with a certificate of the auditor goes a copy of the bill to the treasurer, but the action of the auditor on a bill is final, unless it should be called to the attention of the board.
Q. I see here at the beginning of this paper that I hand to you, "Difference between board price, \$11.50, and cost \$14. A. Yes, sir.
Q. Here are a great many items actout; 1,575 aguare yards of new brick pavement, iald at 80 cents per yard; the amount not carried out.
And then it goes on all the way through, not carried out. What I want to know is whether these papers come from the engineer to the auditor in that form without any amounts being made out? A. They did at that time, but not now.

O. Here love sizes you made a channel.

Mr. Christy. We desire to offer that in evidence. The Chairman. You offer the paper?

Mr. Christy. Tes, sir; it is signed by him officially. The penciling is our own, I should explain.

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Q. How long since you made a change? A. About a year ago the engineers were instructed to extend amounts, but we found that they were not very accurate in their calculations, and we had to make so many alterations that this disfigured the bills; they would not answer to youchers. a vouchers.

Q. Have you ever changed the form of your oucher and certificate! A. No, sir.

Q. Lot me read this and see what it means: I do hereby certify that I have measured and inspected the work done by William B. and inspected the work done by William B. Parison on the improvement on Vermont avenue, street * * from K street north to Massachusetts avenue, * * * embraced in his bill, June 11, 1872, which work was done under the order of the Board of Public Works, dated contract 40, 1871, and find it correct as to quantity and quality, and that the work has been done in conformity with the contract and specifications relating thereto, and that the material and labor has been furnished as specified.

Ww. Forsyth, Engineer. Dated June 11, 1872.

"Dated June 11, 1872."
"Approved June 13, 1872."
Has it been the practice to have the engineer fonly certify to the correctness as to quantity and quality? A. Yes, sir, so far as I know. I don't think the certificate of the engineer has been changed. There have been some modifications made in the forms, but I don't think the certificate has been changed.

One of the angle of the certificate was been changed. O. 'A certify that the foregoing bill is correct

Q. "I certify that the foregoing bill is correct in form, and that the prices are according to contract, and is, therefore, audited in the sum of " * * . A. Yes, sir.

Q. Has this bill ever been audited, do you know! A. Bills come in triplicate to the auditor. We audit one and send the others.

Q. Where do you send the one that you audit! A. We keep that, and we send a copy to the treasurer, and the third copy is for the purpose of assessment.

Representative Wilson. I simply wanted to get an understanding as to how this thing was done. witness. We had so much to do that we didn't have time to fill out three copies at a time; we were very glad if we had one copy; you will find the audited bill.

Representative Wilson. I had not come to the bill when I started out. That just happened to catch my eye.

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Witness. This is one of the bills carried out, and there is the receipt of the contractor.

Q. This bill came to the auditor without the amount being carried out A. Yes, sir.

Q. And it is carried out in that bill in pencil?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And here is the other one; that is carried

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out! A. Yee, sir. Senator Stewart. What is the amount of that bill? oill?

Representative Wilson. I am going to get at that. Now, Mr. Morris, what is the amount of this bill? Is that the final voucher? A. This is the final settlement. Yes, sir; final measurements. Q. What is the final measurement ! A. This Q. On this Parisen contract, No. 40? A. Fermout avenue, \$30,715.83.
Q. Look at this one and give the amount of that. Is that another? A. Yes, sir.
Q. As to what part of the work? A. Jack-

Q. Have you there the final voucher with Yes, sir; I have the final measurement for Jackson place.

Q. What is the amount of that! A. Nine thousand nine hundred and forty-one dollars and eighty-nine cents.

Q. Look at both of these and see what amount is deducted from them.

The form in which this is made out ! A. You, dr; that column represents the total cost of the work.

Q. Instead of the total amount of certificates will be a substant, in the cost of the work the material but is furnished by the board! A. You, dr; that of the total cost of the work the material but is furnished by the board! A. You, dr; the cost of the work the material but is furnished by the board! A. You, dr; the cost of the work the material but is furnished by the board! A. You, dr; the cost of the work the material but is furnished by the board! A. You, dr; the cost of the work the material but is furnished by the board! A. You, dr; the cost of the work the material but is furnished by the board! A. You, dr; the cost of the work the material but is furnished by the board! A. You, dr; the cost of the work.

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Mr. Christy. I do not wish to take the examination out of the hands of the committee at all.

Representative Wilson. So far as I am concerned, it was the mercet accident in the world that I saw anything about this matter, and connect of the first page.

Mr. Mattingly. Perhaps it would be well to have Mr. Morris, the clerk, sworn and stammined in regard to these vouchers. I ground state, Mr. Wilson, that you made a mistake in taking down one of the amounts yesterday. I moticed it in examining one of the contracts.

Mr. Wilson. We will probably want to examine this gentleman, Mr. Morris, along from time to time by way of explanation, and perhaps he had better be sworn, so that such explanations can be made in regular form when called for.

Mr. Hattingly. In matters of this sort I

the curb—leaving the contractor \$5 cents for setting.

Q. Is that a uniform rule! A. Yes, sir.
Q. With all contrastors! A. Yes, sir. that has been the invariable price of the board.

The Chairman. Unless these gentlemen desire to ask some quantions, Mr. Christy. Have you anything more!

Mr. Christy. I desire to ask with reference to what work made upon the different streets this aggregate venount of cost has reference!

Without It has reference to the work on Vermont avenue and Jackson place.

Mr. Christy. I desire to pass this to the wilness; I have no doubt he is familiar with the handwriting.

handwriting.

[Paper handed to witness.]

Py Mr. Christy: Q. Do you recognize the signature to that? A. Yee, sir.

Q. The signature of Mr. Lay, shilter? A.

reserved the formal offer until you had in spected it.

The Chairman. The committee see no objection to putting that paper in evidence. I seems to relate to this identical work.

Mr. Christy. Yes, sir; it is a full statement I understand, of all the work done under the several contracts, and the amounts paid there

for.

The Chairman. The paper will show.

Mr. Christy. Of course. I am not explaining it. We desire, in addition to the vouchers already inspected by the committee, the production of the vouchers relating to other parts of the work.

The Chairman. Do you see any objection to the paper, Mr. Mattingly!

Mr. Mattingly. No, sir.

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Mr. Christy. All vouchers already inspected, as I understand, related to Jackson Place, which is marked there "Sixteen and a half street." Vermont avenue—related to certain other work on Ninth street. We would like to have the vouchers produced for our examination relating to all the streets there, or all the improvements in particular parts of the streets.

The Chairman. Go on, Mr. Christy. Mr. Christy. As soon as the paper is returned I will call specific attention to it. This involves the production of all the vouchers already inspected relating to Ninth street. The gantleman will be kind enough to produce them.

Representative Wilson. What is the number of the contracts?

The Chairman. Mr. Morris, bring forth the vouchers of the contracts—wish Lewis & Co., I suppose?

Mr. Christy. Yes, sir, on Ninth street. Senstor Stewart. What is the number of that contract?

Witness. One hundred and fifty.

The Chairman. Mr. Mattingly, you have no objection to that paper (the paper above referred to).

Mr. Mattingly. None in the world.

The Chairman. It is evidence then?

Mr. Mattingly. That is if the committee want to audit these accounts; I have no objection to that going in.

The following is a copy:

671,931 16 PLACE.) \$4,000 00 207 20

\$9,386 58 ----\$5,000 00 5,000 00 5,000 00 5,000 00 7,665 59 2,335 98

Q. Look at both of these and see what amount is deducted from them on account of material furnished by the board! A. On the state of th

in dedressed to ordicers connected with different of the description that bed been laid in the country, where pavements of the description that had been laid in the city, or conswint stuniar, had been laid. This circular was admitted to us this morning, as being the thready laid to these parties to which these other letters were a response. The gettemen have not only instead any other letters to us than the two which we saw persender. I understand they propose to offer in evidence, a consideration of corpy in the country of the fractional courtery to expedite this case in order to set the proofs fairly before the semantitee, I cont that they shall so in orthones, a considerable batch of letters. While we are willing to do everything we can, and extend overy professional courtery to expedite this case in order to get the proofs fairly before the semantites, I submit to the committee whether on reading that circular it is a circular adapted to call forth a fair, truthful and imparable answer. With reference to any printed documents, books, reports, or anything of that hind, we have no objection to their going in for what they may be worth.

The Chairman. The evidence you propose to offer now, including this latter, is documentary, I understand?

Mr. Christy. I will first offer that which is subject to no objection on the part of counsel. The Chairman. All that you propose to offer? Mr. Christy. Yes, sir, at this moment. Then as to these letters, which are not strictly documentary, we will first submit them before we ask the committee to receive them as evidence. The Chairman. Iou may set saide any documents or papers that you wish to offer in evidence and leave them with the consulting, and the committee will examine them, with this letter, and let you know what the conclusion is. Just put them in a package and leave them with our clerk.

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Q. Can you approximate! A. No. sir; I could not.

Q. Where wasti generally located! A. In the morthwestern section of the city.

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Senator Thurman. Judge Black, I understood you to say that you represent Mr. Evans.

Judge Black. I do represent Mr. Evans.

Senator Thurman. Mr. Evans was not one of the beauticaries of this trust.

Judge Black. I do not know whether he was or not one of the obsendicaries.

Benator Thurman. Is it stated that he was!

Mr. Mastingly. No. sir.

Judge Black. I appear for Mr. Evans. There may be persons who are absent and undefended altogether, and on their part I would appear as an aniess curies, if in no other was I could be permitted to put in my objection, unless the committee say that ther will have no emisse. I haughter.] Then I would be silent, of course. I think I have a right to appear for all the people of the United States to prevent their rights from being broken down by an investigation which has no reference to the public affairs of the country whatever.

Now I will make what I have to say specific. I object, unless the committee any I have no right to make an objection.

Certain members of the committee conversing with one another, as if consulting regarding the point made by Judge Black Mr. Christy said: Before the committee conversing that moment, Judge Black, Senator Stewart would like to sak Mr. Latta a question. We will then hear you.

Judge Black. Certainly, sir.

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Representative Wilson. Before Judge Black goes on, I should like to sak fir. Lasts a question.

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Senator Thurman. Go on and speed the plow.

Mr. Mattingly. I will state that so far as the District government is concerned we are ready and willing to admit that Kilbourn, trustee, or Latta, trustee, or Kilbourn and Latta, did purchase a large amount of property in the north-western section of the city. Let it be \$400,000, \$200,000, or \$700,000, whatever the amount may

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